

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Paden for withdrawing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants submit that, in view of the following remarks, all of the pending claims are now fully patentable.

The rejection of Claims 1-4, 8, 13-26, 30, and 34-37 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of Claims 1-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,790,453 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,603, 971 is being obviated by the filing herewith of a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,790,453. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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